

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) An ink reservoir comprising:
- at least one compartment; and
- first and second vents that communicatively couple an interior of the compartment to an atmosphere surrounding an exterior of the ink reservoir;
- wherein the first vent is disposed in a cover of the ink reservoir and the second vent passes through a wall of the ink reservoir that is opposite the cover and is in addition to an interconnect port passing through the wall; and
- wherein the first and second vents remain open to the atmosphere.
2. (Previously presented) The ink reservoir of claim 1, further comprising a capillary medium located within the compartment for containing ink and acting to prevent the ink from leaking through the interconnect port.
3. (Original) The ink reservoir of claim 2, wherein the capillary medium is of a hydrophilic material.
4. (Original) The ink reservoir of claim 3, wherein a fiber direction of the hydrophilic material is substantially perpendicular to the first and second vents.
5. (Original) The ink reservoir of claim 1, wherein the first and second vents are labyrinth vents.
6. (Canceled)
7. (Previously presented) The ink reservoir of claim 1, further comprising a third vent disposed in the cover, wherein the third vent communicatively couples the compartment to the atmosphere surrounding the exterior of the ink reservoir.

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